Sl. No.	Name of the Project/Executing Agency	Likely benefits (MW) During 7th Plan	8th Plan
5.	Panchet Hill	40	..
6.	Bokaro 'B'	630	..
7.	Gas Turbines	90	..
8.	Mejia	..	630
North-Eastern Region			
1.	Kopili Unit 3 & 4	100	..
2.	Doyang	..	105
3.	Garo Hills	..	60
4.	Rungnadi	..	405
5.	Kaithalguri GT	..	270

Bio-gas Plants in Punjab

73. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all community bio-gas plants in Punjab which are financed by the Central Government are operating at a loss;

(b) if so, what are the details of the losses incurred by bio-gas plants in Punjab during the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons for the losses and further action contemplated by the Central Government to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Most of the Community Biogas Plants commissioned in Punjab are financially self sustaining or making marginal profits. The main objective of the CBP scheme is to meet the minimum needs of clean cooking fuel of the community through recycling of animal and human wastes in financially self sustaining projects. For this purpose the Government has sanctioned only six months operation and maintenance charges besides the capital cost. Even plants with notional small loss of Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/- p.m. will become self sustaining as soon as the slurry/biomanure generated by these plants is sold. Efforts in this regard are continuing.

The scheme is now becoming popular in many areas including Punjab and the beneficiary communities are now willing to participate financially in the projects.

Mini hydel power projects

74. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility study has been carried out in the country for installing mini hydel power projects;

(b) if so, what is the total estimated energy potential in the country which can be exploited;

(c) what are the details of the existing mini hydel power projects, if any, in the country; and